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Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Communication in MB Docket 03-15 (Second Periodic Review of the  
Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, April 7, 2003, Lawrence R. Sidman of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP; Howard Lance, President & CEO of Harris Corporation ("Harris"); and Bruce Allan, President of Harris's Broadcast Division; met in Las Vegas, Nevada, with Chairman Michael Powell, Marsha MacBride and Susan Eid of the Chairman's staff, and John Rogovin, FCC General Counsel, to introduce Harris's new President and CEO to Chairman Powell, and to discuss issues in the above-referenced proceeding.

Harris provided an overview of the status of the DTV transition based upon its unique perspective as a leading supplier of DTV transmission equipment. Harris emphasized the importance of having certainty with regard to DTV build-out milestones to ensure continued progress is made toward the completion of the transition. Harris discussed the potential need for interim benchmarks beyond those already provided for under current FCC regulations, and the importance of carefully scrutinizing additional requests for extensions of time for broadcasters to commence digital broadcast operations. Finally, Harris provided information on various alternatives that would enable broadcasters to make an optimally cost-effective transition to DTV.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1206, one copy of this letter is being filed electronically. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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cc: Marsha MacBride  
Susan Eid  
John Rogovin